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The House Committee on Industrial Relations offers the following substitute to HR 22:

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that where local, state, or
- 2 federal law requires elections for public office or public votes on initiatives or referenda, or
- 3 designations or authorizations of employee representation, the right of individuals to vote by
- 4 secret ballot shall be guaranteed; to provide for the submission of this amendment for
- 5 ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section I of Article I of the Constitution is amended by redesignating Paragraph XXIX as 8 9 Paragraph XXX and by inserting a new Paragraph XXIX to read as follows: 10 "Paragraph XXIX. *Right of secret ballot*. The right of individuals to vote by secret ballot 11 is fundamental. Where local, state, or federal law requires elections for public office or 12 public votes on initiatives or referenda, or requires designations or authorizations of employee representation, the right of individuals to vote by secret ballot shall be 13 14 guaranteed."

SECTION 2.

- 16 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
- 17 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
- 18 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:
- 19 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that where
- local, state, or federal law requires elections for public office or public votes
- 21 () NO on initiatives or referenda, or requires designations or authorizations of
- 22 employee representation, the right of individuals to vote by secret ballot
- shall be guaranteed?"
- 24 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."
- 25 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If

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26 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall

27 become a part of the Constitution of this state.